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Truck burning fiercely as it plunged into ravine after crashing into oncoming car and broke through guard rail on the dangerous section of the Tiberias road which has claimed numerous victims in the past. Two women were burned to death in the crash yesterday.

'Soviets put pressure on Syria'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Soviet Union has

put pressure on Syria to

withdraw its forces

from Lebanon, informed sources

said yesterday.

The sources said Soviet Amba-

sador Alexander Solodovnik

had told Palestinian Liberation

Organization chairman Yasser

Arafat at separate

meetings this week that Moscow

felt "dissatisfaction" at Syria's

actions in Lebanon.

Privately, some Soviet bloc

officials have expressed

disappointment that the

Soviet Union, with its

influence in Syria, was not doing

more to ease the situation

there. Many

Syrian Army officers are

Soviet-trained and the Soviet Union

is Syria's main arms supplier.

A ship carrying arms for Syria

recently returned to its home

port without making the

delivery, the sources

said. In addition, a Soviet

trade delegation had postponed

a visit it was due to make to

Damascus shortly, they added.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops in

Lebanon were yesterday

reported to be

rolling towards PLO-ist

strongholds at Ainbura, Ma'in

and Alish in the central

mountain area which

the Christians pledged to

withdraw within a week.

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Tiberias death stretch claims three victims

By DAVID SLAV

Jerusalem Post Staff

TIBERIAS. — Two women were

burned to death, a 15-year-old

boy was fatally injured and died

in hospital, and four other persons

were injured — two of them

suffering 45 per cent burns — in

yet another road accident on the

"death stretch" of the steep

Nazareth road

leading to the entry of this town.

The accident occurred at 8.10

on Monday morning when a truck

carrying barrels of toxic and

inflammable insecticide went

out of control, crossed lanes and

collided with an oncoming car.

The truck crashed through a

safety barrier, fell into a

10-metre deep ravine and burst

into flames.

All the seven persons in the

truck and car were either killed

or injured.

One of the dead women is Hanna

Sa'adon, 40, of Beersheba.

The other was not identified

yet. Her body was completely

charred. She is thought to have

been a young girl. The boy who

died was Shimon Cohen.

On May 19, 15 people were

killed when a passenger truck

overturned at almost exactly the

same spot on the road.

Yesterday's accident caused

much anger in Tiberias, and

protests were renewed to force

the authorities to start

building a planned

detour road in order to make

the stretch safer. After last

year's accident, a detour

road was built, but it

has not been established.

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THE WEATHER

Yesterday's High/Low	Today's High/Low	Max
Jerusalem 24/18	25/18	28
Golan 24/18	25/18	28
Nahariya 24/18	25/18	28
Safed 24/18	25/18	28
Haifa Port 24/18	25/18	28
Tiberias 24/18	25/18	28
Nazareth 24/18	25/18	28
Arad 24/18	25/18	28
Shomron 24/18	25/18	28
Tel Aviv 24/18	25/18	28
Eilat Airport 24/18	25/18	28
Jericho 24/18	25/18	28
Gaza 24/18	25/18	28
Beersheba 24/18	25/18	28
Eilat 24/18	25/18	28
Tiran Straits 24/18	25/18	28

Social and Personal

The police on Monday held a reception honoring outgoing Prison Commissioner, Gunda Arye Niv, and his successor, Gunda Arye Levi, at Beit Hashoter in Jerusalem.

Avraham Markus, Central District commander of the Border Police, was honored at a ceremony in Safed yesterday, for exemplary anti-terror activities over the years. Among those present were Safed Mayor Aharon Nahmias and Shlomo Eshel, police commander of the Northern District.

Prof. David Ehrlich, Dean of the Technion Medical School, will speak (in Hebrew) on the new Health Bill, at the Haifa Rotary Club, 1 p.m. today at the Nof Hotel.

Moshe Vardi, the Jerusalem Director of El Al, will speak on "Civil Aviation in Israel" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club in the Y.M.C.A. at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Professor Robin Becker of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Care at Radcliffe University Hospital, from Edinburgh, where he represented the Association of the British Paediatric Association Meeting on Adolescence.

Knesset to meet next week on economic issues

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset will interrupt its summer recess next Tuesday for a special session on economic issues, at the demand of the Likud opposition bloc.

Likud chairman Moshe Nissim yesterday sent 90 signatures demanding the special session to Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. Nissim asked for a debate on a motion for the agenda about inflation to be opened by Simha Ehrlich (Likud-Liberal), and a debate on a motion for the agenda about the crisis in the local authorities to be opened by Yoram Eldor (Likud-Herut). Ehrlich will dwell on the fact that although the Government predicted an inflation of not more than 32 per cent in 1976, the figure has already exceeded 20 per cent in less than six months.

Eldor will demand that the Government deal urgently with the financial plight of the local authorities, which led to the resignation of the Local Authorities Union executive last week.

The session is due to start at 12 noon.

Watchman killed in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The body of a 58-year-old night watchman, apparently beaten to death by a blunt instrument, was found at a building site early yesterday.

Workers arriving at the new Tel Hotel site on Rehov Hayarkon yesterday morning discovered the body and called the police. The dead man is Hassan ben Abud Karira, of Gaza.

No arrests have yet been made.

Coffins of Istanbul victims here tonight

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The coffins containing the remains of the two Israeli victims of the Istanbul airport terror killing, Ernst Elish and Shlomo Weissbach, are expected to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport tonight.

The Turkish authorities in Istanbul yesterday gave final permission for the coffins to be flown home after a last-minute delay on Tuesday. At that time the coffins had actually been released and brought to the airport. Then orders came from the public prosecutor to return the coffins to Istanbul for further examination. It was understood that there had been new developments in the investigation into the killings.

Yesterday the public prosecutor told Israeli diplomats in Istanbul that he "regretted" the delay, but had had no alternative.

The extra examination was apparently to establish with greater certainty whether the cause of death was the bomb, exploded by the Arab terrorists, or weapons fired by the terrorists or Turkish security men.

According to one theory, the victims had been injured by the terror bomb but killed by bullets fired from the weapons of the security forces in the shoot-out.

It was concluded that the American and Japanese victims had been killed instantly by the terror bomb, a fact which enables the terrorists

to be charged under Turkish law with "multiple homicide."

Reports from Turkey indicate that all is set for the trial of the terrorists in a few days' time. The idea of extradition to an Arab country mooted last week by pro-PLO Interior Minister Oguzhan Asikhan appears to have no Government support outside his own party. It has been criticized by other parties, by jurists and in most newspaper editorials.

Extradition as a "quick solution" to avoid a trial seems out of the question, although it could in theory be proposed through due legal process after another state files the appropriate request.

The role of the PLO in training Turkish terrorists for domestic subversion has been noted in the local press, as well as the PLO's recognition of President Makarios as the rightful ruler of Cyprus.

One major daily, "Hurriyet," rejected the Interior Minister's proposal to hand the terrorists over to Lebanon. If they fall into Christian hands, the paper said, their fate will be similar to that of the Moslems in Tel el-Zatar camp. The fact that a country has an extradition agreement with Turkey does not convey the automatic privilege of extradition. Since the crime was committed in Turkey, the criminals must be tried in Turkey, "Hurriyet" said.

Knesset Comptroller issue to committee

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The controversial appointment of a former Labour MK, Baruch Azaria, as internal Knesset comptroller, will be discussed by that body's House Committee next Tuesday.

Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who appointed Azaria last week, will attend the House Committee meeting, called by its chairman, Ari Ankori. The body is being convened in response to the demand of seven of its members, five from the Likud, plus Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) and Shlomo Gross (Aguda bloc). The House Committee has 19 members, and under House rules, one-third of the membership can secure a meeting on demand.

The request came from the Likud's Avraham Katz, who had been a member, earlier this year, of a two-man subcommittee which recommended the appointment of an internal comptroller. Katz had protested the appointment as soon as it was made public. He then asked for a meeting, which was refused so he collected the requisite number of signatures.

Katz said yesterday that according to the regulations of a body called the "Association of Internal Comptrollers in Israel," Azaria lacked the essential qualifications for the post.

The Likud's Aliza Nof last Friday also asked Ankori to convene the committee. The latter replied to Nof on Monday that the committee had thoroughly discussed Knesset control procedures. Moreover, only six weeks earlier, the committee had

authorized the Speaker to appoint a new comptroller, Ankori said. Katz and Nof, as well as other Likud MKs, have charged that apart from lacking specific technical training for inspection of accounts and financial operations, Azaria would not be impartial politically.

Earlier this year, in their report on Knesset control, Katz and his partner on the sub-committee, Adi Yaffe (Alignment) said the internal comptroller should be appointed by the Speaker, but be responsible to the Knesset Clerk. However, the full House Committee changed this, to have the official appointed by the Speaker and responsible to him. They instructed the Speaker to pass on to the House Committee all reports transmitted to him by the comptroller.

Ankari told The Jerusalem Post last night: "The Likud is making a fuss about nothing. The way the Likud talks you'd think there's a thief in every room in the Knesset administrative section. Azaria would not have any political issues to handle. If he was good enough to head the Histadrut control committee he's fine for the Knesset. His appointment is excellent. He knows the Knesset well."

Ankari said Yeshayahu had not consulted him about Azaria's appointment and had not been obliged to.

He asked rhetorically why no political bias had been alleged in the appointment of former Likud MK, Prof. Yitzhak Klinghoffer, Hebrew University comptroller.

Shortsighted to gloat over PLO's plight: 'N.Y. Times'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — "Those in Israel and elsewhere who gloat over the collapse of the PLO are shortsighted," the "New York Times" commented Sunday in an editorial.

"If their leadership has faltered, the Palestinians still exist — as a people," the newspaper said. "No one can anticipate a stable Arab-Israeli peace until this disaffected element is integrated into the political evolution of the region."

The "Times" editorial, entitled "The New Middle East," said that "too much has been invested in the aura of the PLO to expect that

organization to be altogether supplanted.

But what can happen, it continued, "and should be encouraged, is a shift in PLO policies and, if necessary, personnel — away from the terror-minded ideologues and toward moderate Israelis. The United States have a role to play in this process of rebirth, but it is primarily the leading Arab states that have the interest and capability to nudge the PLO into realism and responsibility."

The "Times" said that Lebanon and the PLO, "as a practical matter," are "no longer functioning elements in world affairs. Each preserves its shell, available to be reused, but only through the grace and favour of outside forces."

MK urges death penalty, expulsion to deter terror

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Likud Knesset Member Amnon Linn told a press conference here yesterday that Israel must use the death penalty and the wholesale expulsion of local terrorist sympathizers to deter hijackers, because "another Entebbe-type rescue may not be possible."

Linn also warned that "we must be prepared for a new wave of spectacular acts of terrorism," because, as Egypt's President Sadat said at the non-aligned summit in Colombo, there are those interested in "teaching Israel a lesson, because that of the October 1973 War is not remembered."

Stressing that he was speaking only for himself, Linn added that no new legislation was needed to impose the death penalty on terrorists. All that was necessary, he said, was to restore to military prosecutors the right suspended by the Government — to seek the death penalty and to leave it to the discretion of military judges to impose it or not.

Israel, U.S. run 2nd in students' chess

CARACAS. — Israel and the U.S. played to a 2-2 draw in the third round of the 13th World University Chess Championships here yesterday, to gain second place with seven points each.

The Soviet Union, handily beating Switzerland 24-14, strengthened its lead with 11 points. These four countries are vying, together with Brazil, Cuba, Poland and Venezuela, for the top eight places in group "A" of the championships. (AP)



One of the 40 rafts that yesterday made the annual scouts' Kinneret crossing. Some 350 scouts participated.

World War Two hero's wife, son, allowed to leave USSR

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter and agencies

TEL AVIV. — The widow and daughter of prominent Aliya activist and campaigner against Soviet anti-Semitism, Col. Yaffa Davidovich, have received emigration permits, it was learned here yesterday.

The family is now seeking to obtain a permit to bring Col. Davidovich's remains to Israel with them. According to reports, they have received encouraging promises that the Soviets may allow the World War Two hero to be reburied in Israel.

The exit permits came too late for Davidovich, who died in Minsk last month at the age of 54. He had been critically ill for the last few years after suffering a series of heart attacks which began while he was under interrogation by the KGB.

Col. Davidovich was the most outstanding of the three "Minsk Colonels" — all retired Red Army officers who together campaigned

for their right to go to Israel. Col. Naum Olshansky was finally allowed to come here last year, while Col. Lev Ovsiacher is still struggling for his exit permit.

Aliya activists appealed for months to the Soviet authorities to allow Davidovich to go to Israel in view of his grave medical condition. The KGB replied that "there is nothing wrong with him." He was increasingly harassed and even deprived of his army pension.

His funeral turned into a large-scale Jewish demonstration in Minsk, but his wife immediately vowed she would try to have him reinterred in Israel. "If he was not allowed to live or to die in the country he considered his homeland," she said, "at least he should be brought to eternal rest there."

It was learned in London yesterday that a Soviet Jew is to go on a hunger strike next week in protest at the Soviet authorities' refusal to let him deliver a scientific paper at a conference in Helsinki. The 43-year-old econometrician,

Benor Gurfield, has also been forbidden to emigrate to Israel with his wife and 16-year-old son.

A resident of Tallin, Estonia, Gurfield had been invited to take part in a conference of the European Econometric Society. The conference organizers, Prof. D. Sodermann of Hamburg University, has written to academic circles in Moscow asking them to press for Gurfield's attendance in Helsinki on August 23. The scientist himself was due to lodge a protest yesterday at the Estonian Communist Party headquarters.

Amnesty International also reported yesterday that it had learned of five more persons confined to psychiatric institutions in the Soviet Union for their political or religious views.

One of them, Anatoly Uvarov, was detained near the Swedish embassy in Moscow last April during the official visit by Swedish Premier Olof Palme. He was carrying placards demanding his right to emigrate.

British Zionist parties jockey for Congress seats

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Britain's Zionist parties are currently discussing "postponement" of elections to the Zionist Congress to be held in December, but such a step will apparently depend on the distribution of "seats."

The Zionist General Council in Jerusalem recently decided to dispense with elections and appoint delegates instead, if 90 per cent of registered Zionists agree to this. One of the British Zionists' strong arguments against elections is the cost — £120,000, which the organizations' coffers can ill afford.

But the decision on elections will depend on agreement on distribution

of the delegates among the parties. It is generally agreed that Herut should get one delegate more than they had in the previous Congress, and the General Zionists (World Union), new on the scene, must be given representation.

In the last Congress, Britain had 27 delegates: The Zionist Federation — 9; Mizrachi — 9; Poale Zion — 6; Mapam — 4; and Herut — 2. Poale Zion also demands another seat, though this is not generally supported. But Poale Zion has an internal split, with its young guard and Habonim youth movement demanding an election. The pressure will be borne mostly by Mizrachi, whose right to nine delegates is challenged by all the other parties.

Israel offers Lebanese farmers extensive help

By YORAM HAMZERAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MESTULLA. — The Agriculture Ministry yesterday offered Lebanese farmers far-ranging aid in developing their farming and marketing their produce, as well as solving many of their problems with seeds and equipment.

Two groups of farmers met with the ministry's director-general Reuven Eiland, in Kiryat Shmona and at Dover. The first group, from the Christian village of al-Kila, near here, asked for agricultural advisers to be sent to them. They said they would guarantee the safety of the Israeli advisers.

Eiland said he could not undertake to send them personnel, but suggested instead that advisory stations be set up to which they could come for consultations. He invited the farmers' representatives to visit agricultural research centres in Israel, as well as farms which grow the same crops as they do.

He told the farmers they would be able to buy wheat seeds in Israel, and have their tractors

and other equipment repaired in Haifa. Next month, Eiland told them, they could attend the "AgriTech 76" exhibition at Mikve Israel, where they could buy equipment at will.

Eiland also met with a group of Maronite farmers at Dover, who said they do not want to sell their tobacco — their main crop — to Dubai, because the price was too low. Eiland said Israel would gladly help them market their crop through the Tobacco Growers Council, which would sell it at international exchange rates, or, if they preferred, would enable their representatives to go abroad and seek buyers. If they chose to do this, Israel would permit them to ship their tobacco via Haifa.

The Maronite farmers treated Eiland to melons which they grew and which turned out to be an Israel variety known as "Ananas." The farmers, it appears, obtained Israeli seeds for these melons from Jordan, where they had been taken through the Jordan bridges for sale by West Bank Arabs.

Meir to address Yiddish revival meet in Jerusalem

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The loyalists of Yiddish convene in Jerusalem next week in an effort to engage the help of Israel in a programme to preserve the culture of East European Jews of the past millennium.

"There is no way to do anything viable for Yiddish without Israel," Yitzhak Korn, on behalf of the Yiddish Cultural Committee, said at a press conference here yesterday.

Over 380 delegates from 16 countries will take part in the colloquium, which will be held at the Hebrew University from Tuesday to Thursday, August 24-26, after a festive inauguration ceremony at the Jerusalem Theatre next Monday night. The ceremony will be addressed by Aharon Yadin and Mrs. Golda Meir.

The event is sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish Culture in Israel, the Union of Yiddish Writers in Israel, and the Cultural Department of the World Jewish Congress. "There is no antagonism today between Yiddish and Hebrew," said Hyman Bass, director of the Congress for Jewish Culture in New York. "We come here as friends

of Israel, proud of her achievements."

The Jerusalem conference will establish six committees to make plans to enhance Yiddish education, press, theatre, translations and special projects. A committee will deal with the problems of youth.

According to the Yiddish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer, quoted by Mr. Bass, some 4m. people in the world still speak Yiddish. There are Yiddish day-schools in the U.S. and Latin America, and some 150,000 use Yiddish in rabbinical schools in America.

In Israel, a Yiddish school is run in Kiryat Haim, in the Haifa area, but further expansion of Yiddish studies in Israeli schools is thwarted by the dearth of teachers, the press was told.

A \$100,000 FUND to advance the study of dermatology in Israel was established recently by Dr. Kurt Harman, of West Germany. Professor Bleasner, head of the Department of Dermatology at the Beilinson Medical Centre, will head the committee which will decide on distribution of monies from the fund.

Seamen avert split

By YA'ACOV FRIEDL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The convention Seamen's Union managed to split in the union's ranks last night at the same time defused a possible breach in the Histadrut.

Moshe Levi, secretary of the seafarers' section of the Histadrut, reiterated his demand that it leave the Histadrut. The union withdrew its recognition in last year, when he called authorized strikes. But Levi's statements reaffirmed their union when they swept him out of office in the recent union election, giving his slate a total victory over a rival put forward by the Histadrut.

The 15 delegates to the convention last night passed a motion amounting to an ultimatum to the Histadrut to join the union's elected officers.

If the Histadrut continues to refuse to recognise them, the ship was empowered to refuse to persuade it to change. If this attempt also fails, union leaders would call delegates in an emergency at which further action would be decided upon.

The implication that in circumstances the whole union leave the Histadrut, Moshe Levi withdrew his demand to take out his own section, a step which would have left the union.

Delegates will discuss issues today, which include labour contract and relate the Marine Officers' Union.

France, Israel co-operate TV Bible series

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Bible will soon be the living room — through the screen of the Israel Broadcasting Authority and French TV Ant. Two.

Israel TV chief Arnon Zvi told The Jerusalem Post that Christian and Jewish here will join counterparts to produce a 26-episode depicting stories from the Bible.

Directors will include son of leading theatrical professor Europe and the U.S., he said. An Ant. Two official visit about two months ago to the deal, which will cost about \$8m. The formal is expected to be signed in a few days, and the French plan to finance the project investments by commercial interests in several countries.

A Broadcasting Authority man said most of the \$8m. would be done in Israel and is to begin next spring. The film will be ready early next year.

The Broadcasting Authority will cover half the cost, and the other half will be covered by the French. The film will be a synopsis of the Bible.

Arad chemicals may close

ARAD. — Monthly losses of hundreds of thousands of pounds may lead to the closure of the large chemical plant here. The deficits are the result of a drop in the market prices of chemicals.

Announcing this yesterday, general manager of the chemicals concern, Philip Nissim, said that the company would close the plant within a few weeks.

Even should the losses close down completely, it would still be at less than capacity, making the firing of workers.

The dismissals would place within the community and jobs for displaced workers would be offered in the plant works at Nahal Zvi. The works is a venture of the Arad and the Negev phosphate. Both are government.

U.S. training Israelis to maintain the

HAMPTON, Virginia. — Israel Air Force personnel trained to maintain F15 aircraft under a year-long programme that began this summer at the Air Force Base here, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said Monday.

He said four students have completed the maintenance training and returned to 15 others are in training the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing.

At the same time, Israeli pilots are in transition to the F15 at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, Pentagon spokesman said.

Informed sources said Israel to buy at least one F15, America's first warplane.

The Israeli training plan under the U.S. Government Sales Act of 1961 authorizes the sale of eligible foreign government.

To Jeannette Ordman
We mourn with you the passing of your
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PHILIP ORDMAN

(in Johannesburg)

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In deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our
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Israel and Rhoda Traub,

Zichron Yaakov

Edi and Jane Traub,

Worcester, Rep. of South Africa.

Deepest sympathy to
PROF. F.D. WALL
on the death of his

FATHER

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'Adequate transport essential' - letter to Prime Minister Lahat urges Gov't to finish bus terminal

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There has been a heated debate among Cabinet ministers as to whether the terminal should be nationalized or whether some other solution should be sought that would not burden the taxpayer with debts incurred by private contractors.

It is of deep concern to the city, Lahat stressed, and to the whole Dan region that the terminal be completed as soon as possible. "Allowing the structure to deteriorate means a verdict of deterioration for the whole Dan region. Adequate transport services to the most densely populated region in the country are essential, and no one besides the Government can come up with the financial resources needed to complete the project," the letter argued.

The views expressed in Lahat's letter were strongly opposed by Deputy Mayor Haim Basok, who

said that asking for what amounts to nationalization is tantamount to recouping private interests with public funds. Mayor Lahat replied that he was only continuing the policy of his predecessor in office, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, in regarding the station as absolutely essential for the whole metropolitan area.

Later in the meeting, the Executive discussed proposed changes in the Kikar Hamedina building plans. Originally the circle, in one of the most expensive areas of north Tel Aviv, was to be surrounded by a number of eleven-story buildings spaced at regular intervals, which would have a total area of 72,000 square metres.

Of this, 22,000 square metres were allocated for apartments. One of the proposals discussed was that in order to alleviate the serious

N.Y. Jewish leader denies reports of friction 'Israeli consul doing a terrific job'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON, — New York Jewish leader Rabbi Joseph Glaser has denied vigorously that relationships between the Israeli consulate in New York and Jewish leadership based in the city have been strained since Amih (res.) Uri Ben-Ari took up the post of Israeli consul-general last year.

Glaser, who is executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) said in a telephone interview with The Jerusalem Post that Ben-Ari had impressed him as a "most determined and dedicated diplomat." Ben-Ari has been doing a "terrific job" ever since arriving in New York, Glaser said.

"Uri Ben-Ari telephoned me shortly after he arrived, saying

that he did not want to be a 'ceremonial object' in New York, but that he wanted to get things done," Glaser added.

"He wanted to visit synagogues in the New York area and understand the Jewish community here. And he has been doing exactly that."

Glaser said that the diplomat has been "very successful" in developing good contacts among the national Jewish organizations based in New York.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish organizations, said last week that he (Schindler) was not in a position to judge Ben-Ari's performance in New York since the Presidents' Conference deals with the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and not with the N.Y. consulate.

There has been some speculation here that Ben-Ari has rubbed certain American Jewish leaders, including Schindler, the wrong way by supporting the concept of a Jewish community relations council for the New York area, something that has not existed in the past. Some Jewish leaders apparently have feared that such a new body might interfere with their responsibilities.

Glaser said that he has been among those Jewish leaders in New York who have supported the establishment of such a council.

"New York is the only city in the U.S. that does not have one," he said, expressing satisfaction that during the past few months a compromise proposal for one has been accepted by the Jewish community there.



Grocers' strike ends today

Directors will meet today to discuss the strike. The strike was called by the Association of Grocers in Israel. The strike ended today after a meeting of the Association's board of directors. The board decided to accept the terms of the offer made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The strike was called by the Association of Grocers in Israel. The strike ended today after a meeting of the Association's board of directors. The board decided to accept the terms of the offer made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Neve Ya'acov threat to 'secede' from Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Neve Ya'acov Neighbourhood Committee threatened yesterday that residents of the northern Jerusalem quarter would not pay municipal taxes unless their services were improved and the number of welfare families contained. If that has no effect, it said, Neve Ya'acov would seek to break off from Jerusalem and become an independent local council.

Committee members told a press conference that their closure of the road entering Neve Ya'acov for several hours last week had won a promise by the authorities to temporarily suspend a decision to fill a new building bloc entirely with "shum evacuees," as the committee defined them, and immigrants from culturally "difficult" backgrounds such as Bukharans and Georgians. (Municipal authorities say the so-called shum evacuees are not large families but newly married couples.) The committee demanded that the

REVIVALIST REBBITZIN ADVISES RABIN 'Mention God in your speeches'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should mention God in his speeches here and abroad because the world is "thirsting for spirituality and waiting for the Torah" to emanate from Zion, Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis asserted yesterday.

Speaking to reporters in Jerusalem, the revivalist rebbitzin asserted that the current popularity of U.S. presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, a self-described devout Baptist — reflects America's searching for values.

Mrs. Jungreis, the wife of an Orthodox New York rabbi, stated that Israel's information programmes are "terrible." The success of the Eilat rescue opera-

tion has been explained by all kinds of secondary phenomena, she said, and the real reason — God's benevolence and intervention — has been disregarded.

Her "Hineni" movement sent followers to Yankee Stadium in New York recently to "win back for Judaism" some of the Jews attending a "revivalist meeting" of the Korean guru, Reverend Moon. "We coaxed about 30 Jews not to go in, and found that most of them were emigrants from Israel," she said. "They are looking for something meaningful and don't realize that it is in their own religion."

All aliya offices in the U.S. should be closed, she maintained, since they are "worthless. The shlitim (emissaries) don't know very often."

how to communicate with people looking for values," she said.

Hineni is now negotiating with the Jewish Agency to receive a building in Jerusalem as a home for the "spiritual uplan." It has been proposing for over a year, she said. Jews will be able to spend days or weeks studying religious values and ritual, as well as find inspiration, at the centre "and it will be free." Running costs for the centre, according to Mrs. Jungreis, will be \$200,000 annually. "It will open as soon as we get the building," she promised.

The rebbitzin said she will immigrate to Israel with her family when the centre opens, "although the movement will keep me commuting from Israel to New York very often."

Arad strike ends today

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New head for Yeshiva U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, a professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University in New York, has been chosen president of the 91-year-old Orthodox institution.

Rabbi Lamm fills the position left vacant by the death this year of Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin, who headed the university for 33 years. An author, philosopher, chemist and teacher, the 46-year-old Lamm is the first American-born president of YU. He received his BA, Ph.D. and rabbinical ordination at the university.

In his books and lectures, Rabbi Lamm has urged closer cooperation between the Orthodox Jewish community in the U.S. and the Conservative and Reform movements.

Young U.S. Jews of Syrian origin here for seminar 'It took five weeks to open their eyes'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It took a five-week seminar here to open the eyes of 21 American-Jewish teenagers of Syrian Parentage to the vibrance of Israeli life and to the misery of the Jews held captive in Syria.

"Although they belong to active, wealthy Jewish communities in New York and Seattle, with synagogues, schools and community centres of their own, they didn't know much about Jewish affairs beyond their borders," according to Eli Amir, executive director of the American Sephardi Federation and leader of the seminar. After meeting with Syrian Jews who escaped from their ghettos in the past few years, they learned that not all Syrian Jews live like the community in Brooklyn.

Amir, who immigrated to Israel from Iraq at the age of 12 (in 1950), at first had a difficult time convincing parents to send their children on the unique seminar. "Syrian Jews in New York have wandered from the Bronx to Brooklyn, Queens and New Jersey, but they feel very much at home there," notes Amir. "They have become wealthy from business — whether from selling electrical goods and clothing or banking and as middle-men, and few of the younger generation speak Hebrew or even Arabic."



Eli Amir — who showed the youngsters his old neighbourhood.

But when the word got around, Amir finally found he had to turn away applicants. The seminar was financed by the young people themselves or their families, by the Youth and Hechalutz Department, and by the Aliya Department and the Sephardi Communities Department of the World Zionist Organization.

'Sick' port men again prevent ship movements in Haifa

HAIFA. — Ships were again prevented from entering or leaving port on Monday night, after another sick-on-the-job action by Maritime Department workers.

The port spokesman stated yesterday that during the night four of the seven men on the night shift suddenly "took sick" and went home. The sick reports again followed the detailing of two stevedores by the management to help out in the department, which is undergoing a temporary labour shortage in the present vacation season.

The men apparently prefer to do the work themselves and be billed for overtime. The management, however, holds that as there is little work for the stevedores during the summer they should be used to help out in the unskilled marine work, whenever possible, to earn their keep.

A similar quarrel last week resulted in a several-hour delay in ships' movements, when two of the men reported "feeling sick" after a stevedore had been sent to reinforce their night shift.

Open Letter to The Minister of Transport

Egged has now been carrying soldiers of the Israel Defence Forces on its routes, without payment, for more than two months, in compliance with the Government's decision, and in spite of the fact that this decision was forced on the cooperative at short notice — no period in which to organize for this extra load was allowed. In order not to choke the interurban lines, and to make things easier for passengers — soldiers and civilians alike — EGGED DECIDED TO CARRY SOLDIERS FREE ON URBAN LINES, EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DECISION DID NOT REQUIRE THIS. This eased the load on the interurban lines, and made it possible for us more or less to meet the additional passenger load resulting from the government order.

Nevertheless, the carrying of soldiers is causing hardship to the travelling public, particularly during rush hours, in heavily built-up areas and on routes serving central army camps.

Egged has demonstrated its positive approach to the carrying of soldiers, and has played its part beyond the requirements of the government order. We have done what we can to maintain the comfort of the travelling public, but we will not be able to cover for a long period the considerable financial losses incurred as a result of this effort.

We therefore call on the Government to admit the facts of the situation, and extend the arrangements for free travel for soldiers to journeys in towns and suburbs. Only when all soldiers can travel free on urban and suburban routes will it be possible for us to control the passenger load due to free transport of soldiers, and make it unnecessary for soldiers to travel on interurban routes when making short journeys in town.

We are convinced that IF EGGED HAD NOT, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, MADE URBAN ROUTES AVAILABLE TO SOLDIERS — THERE WOULD TODAY BE NO SMOOTH RUNNING INTERURBAN SERVICES FOR ANYONE — CIVILIANS OR SOLDIERS.

The Minister of Transport should therefore recognize the essential need to provide free transport for soldiers on ALL ROUTES, to expand the free travel arrangements, and to compensate the public transport utilities at a rate corresponding to ALL THE JOURNEYS PROVIDED.

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Dutch policemen here for evidence on Nazi crimes in World War II

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Dutch police officers arrived in Israel this week to record the testimony of Israelis on alleged war crimes.

The two, who have been forbidden by their superiors to have any contact with the press, are investigating the activities of Lambertus Loeven, a Dutchman who served with the Nazi SS in World War II, a Dutch Embassy source said yesterday. Loeven allegedly killed and tortured hundreds of Jews in a concentration camp in Russia.

However, another unofficial source

from the Netherlands indicated yesterday that the officers may well be investigating the case of Pieter Nicolaas Menten, one of the wealthiest men in Holland today. Menten, the possessor of what is described as a fabulous art collection, was accused of stealing works of art from Jews in Poland while serving in the SS there.

He is later said to have taken these treasures by train from Poland to Holland in the midst of the war. The sources noted that Menten was acquitted in one trial three months ago, but he might well go on trial again.

Chilean brothers alive and well after mysterious disappearance

NEW YORK. — Two Chilean Jews, believed to have been political prisoners, are free and well. This was disclosed yesterday by Burton Levinson of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The two, Julio and Eduardo Budnik Schwartzman, who are brothers, disappeared on July 23 and returned to their homes in Santiago on Sunday.

According to Levinson, who is chairman of the ADL's Latin-American Affairs committee, no explanation has been offered of what happened to them.

The Budnik brothers had held important industrial posts under the Salvador Allende government. On the day of their disappearance, their office was ransacked and their cars removed from an adjacent parking garage. Two days later the Budnik family received an anonymous phone call telling them that the cars could be found near the national stadium.

In an effort to help the family, B'nai B'rith representatives had appealed to the Chilean ambassadors in the U.S. and Canada for information on the matter.

Levinson expressed satisfaction that efforts to secure their freedom had been successful. (JTA)

Motel, inn for Mitzpe Ramon

MITZPE RAMON. — A 110-room motel and wayside inn are to go up on a cliff overlooking the Ramon crater near here, as the first step in transforming the township into a tourist and health resort.

An additional 112-m. will be invested in renovating the existing post-over cafe-restaurant, which has been in a state of neglect for some two years now.

Outlining these plans yesterday, the establishment of a sanatorium for asthma patients in the vicinity.

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Heat gets to Sadat

THE USE OF ISRAEL as a whipping boy in conflicts among the Arabs is by now well established practice. It is so well established that it has become a bore.

The latest example is President Sadat's use of the non-aligned forum in Colombo to lay the blame for the Arabs' — and the Africans' — troubles on Israel. It is odd, however, that he should have failed to appreciate the long-run effects of such outworn tactics.

Admittedly, Sadat's Egypt is in a dreadful predicament today. From a position of acknowledged leadership in the Arab world, Egypt has fallen into a state of impotent solitude. Hard won alliances are in ruins, old friendships are dissipated — and their place is taken by fresh and bitter animosities.

Although it weathered the crisis over the Sinai agreement without great difficulty, Egypt has emerged from the Lebanese dispute with its wings very badly clipped. The strife with Syria is now more ferocious than ever; the hope of rapprochement with Jordan is virtually dead; the newly-found allies in the PLO are a broken reed, while the winning Lebanese Christians are completely alienated.

It must be scant consolation to Sadat that his arch-foe, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, who still views himself as Nasser's true heir-apparent, now tends to see eye-to-eye with him on Lebanon. Similarly, the fact that Baghdad shares Cairo's distaste for Syria's activities in Lebanon, cannot hide the Iraqi Baathist leadership's hostility toward Sadat. Baghdad would want Sadat to flash his swords at Israel.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian economy, is continuing to decline. There is still no visible prospect for the pace of development to catch up to the galloping rate of population increase. And Sadat's repeated call for a minimum of \$12 billion in aid from the supposedly friendly Arab oil states is a voice crying in the wilderness.

In these circumstances, the Egyptian President prefers to divert attention from his own problems by raising the spectre of a Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis, and by inventing an attempt by Israel and South Africa to "terrorize the Arabs and Africans with nuclear threats."

Certainly President Sadat is aware that this kind of vicious anti-Israel fulmination is not compatible with the terms of the Sinai agreement. That agreement, after all, was not — despite Egyptian claims to the contrary — a purely military accord. It was conceived, and endorsed as a measure for defusing enmity and for making progress towards peace.

Therefore it cannot be argued that the agreement is being observed merely through adherence to its military disengagement provisions — which, it seems, are in fact being carried out, notwithstanding occasional violations by the Egyptians. When Egypt is exerting its utmost efforts to torpedo Spanish plans for establishing diplomatic ties with Israel, it is jeopardizing the Sinai agreement. And when Sadat delivers a Nasser-type harangue against Israel, he is threatening to pull down the whole structure of that instrument.

If, as appears to be the case, Sadat does not desire such consequences, he should try harder to avoid bringing them about.

Temptations to largesse

NATIONAL INSURANCE is compulsory, and so, under the new Pensions Bill, will be the income-related pension scheme. Monthly premiums for both ventures together are going to account for over one-fifth of the wage packet.

The new measure is justified all the same, for two reasons. The first is that most people do not save enough for their old age, and are apt therefore to become a burden to society. Today the Treasury is financing "supplementary benefits" for 40 per cent of the national insurance pensioners, because they have no other source of income. The cost of this annual rescue operation came last year to £150m.

The second reason justifying the bill is that the existing voluntary pension schemes are running into trouble. Last year revenue from contributions totalled £11,100m, while outlays on pensions and early cash withdrawals were already close to £12,000m. In two or three years' time outlays will exceed revenue; this despite the fact that contributions are tax-exempt, meaning that there is a donation from the Treasury already.

The new State plan, as devised by a small and businesslike committee under the Labour Ministry's Shlomo Amir, will stay in the black, it is estimated, for 40-50 years. Or rather that would be the case, were it not for the accumulated obligations piled up from the past. These obligations have to be met. How big the burden is nobody knows, because each fund has its own accounting system, and confusion reigns.

Therefore it is important that the new bill not repeat the mistake of its predecessors. It must not promise more than it can supply; but unfortunately, in the political atmosphere that surrounds the topic, it is likely to do just that.

At present, contributions to the pension funds are 16 per cent of wages. Another 2½ per cent is put into the severance pay fund, which is now to be abolished. The committee offers two possibilities: one, to let the 2½ per cent build up into a cash benefit, which will be paid on retirement, in addition to the 70 per cent pension.

The alternative is simply to add the 2½ per cent as extra revenue to the pension fund, and not provide a cash benefit. The advantage of this option is that it would offset the actuarial deficit inherited from the past; otherwise not much time will go by before the new State pension scheme itself runs out of cash.

There will be a temptation to vacillate over this dilemma. Labour Minister Moshe Baran wants his bill to get through its first reading during the present Knesset, that is, before the elections next year. It is important that, despite the imminence of those elections, the Knesset be statesmanlike enough to insist on the more economic of the two alternatives.

As it is, the authorities will not find it easy to provide self-sufficient financing, over a long period into the future, for a universal pension topping 70 per cent. That pension, it must be recalled, is linked not just to the price index, but to the average wage — which means to each and every wage hike that takes place after the pensioner's retirement. To offer a cash grant on top of that would be, under Israel's present circumstances, less than responsible.

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The Israel issue in the U.S.

DAVIE (Hastadur), commenting on the presidential race in the U.S., says that even though Israel is not the only issue influencing the Jewish vote, which in a close race would play a crucial role in the outcome, both candidates will have to give the issue very careful attention. There are signs that the Republicans will make every effort to take advantage of Carter's relative weakness among the traditional Jewish supporters of the Democrats. However, says the paper, this should not be allowed to affect the avowed policy of the Jewish community and the friends of Israel in the U.S. of keeping U.S.-Israel relations on a bipartisan basis. Only in this way will it be possible to ensure Israel's interests in the long range in both the administration and Congress.

basically pro-Israel. The paper comments that while there is usually a large gap between platform and performance, the Israel plank rests on the widespread public support for Israel and any prediction on its viability must take this into account.

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Vying for the crucial Jewish vote



Campaigning in a yarmulke ... Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

The Middle East plank in the Republican Party is so pro-Israel that Israel may not even be a real issue in the campaign, writes WOLF BLITZER from Washington. But the bearing that the Israel plank of either party platform will have on actual policy after November is a moot question.



ISRAELI DIPLOMATS here and their American supporters are delighted by the Middle East plank in the Republican Party platform, the most pro-Israel declaration ever adopted by the G.O.P.

Arab diplomats, on the other hand, are not hiding their disappointment. The Arabs had expected the Democratic platform adopted in June to include a strong statement of support for Israel, which it did. But they had hoped that the Republicans would show more "balance" in drafting their statement, taking Arab interests into consideration.

The State Department is already bracing for some stiff reactions in the Arab world. State won't be happy, "a reporter told a White House official yesterday. 'I don't work for the State Department,' was his terse reply.

In fact, White House officials, anxious to attract Jewish support during what they hope will turn out to be a Ford-Carter race, made a decision last month that the party platform should be decidedly pro-Israel — despite the State Department and the possible ramifications in the Arab world. A group of American Jewish Republicans, led by Max Fisher, met with White House Chief of Staff Richard Cheney to discuss the proposed plank, and he agreed in principle to work for a strongly worded statement — even if it meant

going slightly beyond existing Administration policy.

Last Friday, the Platform Committee drafted the Middle East plank, reported in detail in Sunday's Jerusalem Post. It was no accident that there was no mention of "stalemate" or "stagnation" in Middle East diplomacy, words President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger have used publicly on numerous previous occasions.

For a brief statement on Lebanon, there was only one reference to America's relations with the Arab states: "Republican administrations have succeeded in re-establishing communication with the Arab countries, and have made extensive progress in our diplomatic and commercial relations with the more moderate Arab nations."

Most of the Middle East section dealt with Israel, and America's commitment to the Jewish state, and as if to add insult to injury to the Arabs, the Republicans' endorsement of the statement, on Monday, at first, the draft called for a "just and durable peace for all parties in that complex region." When someone pointed out on Monday that the word "parties" could be interpreted to include the PLO, the committee quickly voted to change it to "nations."

READERS' LETTERS

TELLING PEOPLE WHERE TO LIVE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — As an American Jew who is very active in the movement on behalf of Soviet Jewry, I strongly feel that Dr. Joachim Braun (August 11) has as little right to tell a Russian Jew where to live as he has to tell me, an American Jew where to live. Just because the Soviet Union forces its citizens to become hypocrites in virtually all aspects of life, that is no reason for us to brand these people as immoral. Using an Israeli visa to "get out" is obviously the lesser of two evils.

What is immoral about exercising the basic human right of freedom of movement? Was the Zionist ideal ever to force unwilling Jews to move to Palestine? Is it in Israel's benefit to try to ingest a group of malcontents? What kind of humanitarian is Dr. Braun if he would only help a fellow Jew in distress if that Jew "tows the party line" as defined by Dr. Braun? By now, many Soviet Jews have family and friends in the U.S. and Western Europe. Should we prevent their reunification?

As for Jewish spiritual life, I frankly find it more vigorous and dynamic in America than here in Israel, so it can't be their Jewish souls that Dr. Braun is concerned with. I am forced to conclude that it is their Jewish bodies that Dr. Braun wants, and while I deeply admire any and every sacrifice made for Israel, I deplore any attempt to exact such sacrifices in a discriminatory way (i.e., from Russian and not American Jews).

Let us not create a new category — "Prisoners of Zionism."

SUSAN JO GARDOS,
Russian Research Centre,
Jerusalem, Harvard University

BANK GROWTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — I would like to refer to Mr. Arthur Glass' letter, "Far too many bank branches" (August 4).

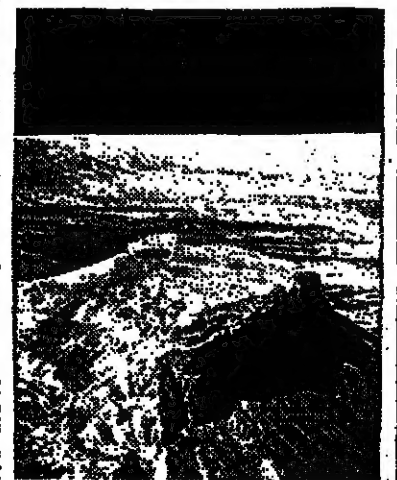
I regret to say that some of Mr. Glass' information is simply inaccurate. Nine years ago Bank Hapoalim had 138 branches and not 70 as mentioned by Mr. Glass. At present, the number of Bank Hapoalim's branches is 237 and not 270. The increase in number of branches does not necessarily indicate that new branches are being built. Among the "new" branches, many are simply existing branches of other banks acquired by Bank Hapoalim.

Mr. Glass is probably aware of the fact that Bank Hapoalim is serving, among others, many wage-earners and, therefore, makes special efforts to extend its services to a widespread population, particularly in development towns and new neighbourhoods. It should be appreciated that the bank is striving to shorten distances and queues which are a serious time-consuming factor in a country where labour force is so short.

COLLECTING VAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — There is a great deal of criticism of the Value Added Tax. A lot of loopholes have been left by the administration. A private person paying his lawyer, or ordering new shelves from the carpenter, or having his car oiled and greased, does not request a receipt. So there is no guarantee that the supplier of these services does not pocket the tax.

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By GREVILLE JANNER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON.

MARGARET THATCHER, leader of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, has become known as "the Iron Lady." She represents a constituency in which there are many Jews, and she is concerned with causes that her Jewish constituents regard as crucial — Israel and the problems of Soviet Jewry.

From the start, Margaret Thatcher has shown her distrust for the Soviet Union. She reckons — correctly — that British voters on the whole have little love for Russia and greatly fear the Communist potential to do harm. Mrs. Thatcher has now chosen the first anniversary of the Helsinki Agreement as the occasion for a bitter warning. She fears the Russians and the gifts they bring. She is a disciple of Solzhenitsyn. Detente, for her, is a snare and a delusion.

But although those concerned with the success of the movement for Soviet Jewry may have nasty suspicions that the lady is right, they recognize that without detente or Helsinki, the prospects of extracting Jews from Russia would be even slimmer than they are at present. However willow the wand with which we can beat the Russians when they have agreed to be civilized, it is better than no stick at all.

THE UNITY of the Commons on the issue of Soviet Jewry, and the disagreement over the best way to deal with the Russians, was shown in an important and revealing series of exchanges at Question Time a few days ago. In an obviously pre-orchestrated chorus, Members on both sides of the House demanded an answer to the question (variously phrased): "Would Her Majesty's Government protest to the Soviet Union at their failure to implement the Final Act of the Helsinki Agreement, especially in cases such as that of Mrs. Ida Nudel?"

The replies came from the junior Minister at the Foreign Office now charged with primary responsibility for our East European relations — John Tomlinson. Formerly Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Harold Wilson, he clearly shares Sir Harold's totally positive approach to the Soviet Jewry movement.

Time after time, Tomlinson expressed the "grave concern" felt "not only in this House but outside it" at the failure of the Soviet Union to comply with the Helsinki agreement. Lord Goronwy Roberts (a Secretary of State at the Foreign Office) had raised these matters with the Soviet Charge d'Affaires. Yes, individual cases had been raised — including that of Ida Nudel. No, he did not think that public denunciation was as effective as behind the scenes approaches. Yes, the Government would continue its efforts.



'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher.

THEN THE UNITY of the Commons was shattered. Conservative Member Fowler enquired what could be any hope of detente if the Berlin Wall remained? Correctly assessing the start of an anti-detente, and a prelude to Thatcher's attitude, Tomlinson stated the Government's policy did not overrule the achievement of results. Honourable Members would want from the USSR: "Why not?" and "Iron resounded from the back of the House." With only the most occasional plaintive cry from the opposition ("What about the Palestine return to their homes?") the movement is openly united in its help Soviet Jewry.

How to help? That is one question. How to treat the Russians? Another. As friends — to react to suspect? Or as enemies against, with post-Churchill resolve?

Most Labour Members openly (with some doubt) for the most Conservatives (frequent equal soul-searching) for Margaret Thatcher, it seems, and devoid of doubt. But must hope that she is wrong.

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